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by Michael Byrd <m.byrd10@verizon.net>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 17:06:02 -0600
From: na5n@zianet.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160025] The sun is a ZOMBIE too!
Message-ID: <20031024230602.7895.qmail@klaatu.zianet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

I'm convinced the sun is a fellow ZOMBIE and is simply letting us know he wants to play with us tonight as well :-)

Actually, I'm surprised the recent solar activity has received so much national news attention considering nothing unusual is happening. We had a couple of major flares, and the shock waves hitting the earth aren't even a direct hit or that powerful. The shock wave that hit earlier today was about 650 km/sec with a density of 18 p/cm². Not really that big of a hit. My guess ... and this is only a guess ... is that NOAA's Space Environment Center (SEC) decided to make a little noise over these events to get some attention. As many of you may know, their funding is being threatened, which could eliminate the daily public dissemination of solar/geo data, like to us QRPers. If this is a NOAA PR thing, then good for them! Let people know what they do.

FOR THE ZOMBIE SHUFFLE:

The Zombie Shuffle is local sundown (about 6pm) to midnight. Nightfall is caused by the earth rotating away from facing the sun (amazing what you can learn on the internet, huh?). That also means as we rotate away from the sunlight, we are also rotating away from the solar wind pushing against us. So conditions will be better shortly after sundown on 40M.

The solar wind (5pm MDT) is about 550 km/sec., coming down, and the particle density of the solar wind is now almost zero. This means the solar wind has little punch (mass) left in it. THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A GEOMAGNETIC STORM. Conditions will be a bit noisy on 40M as our magnetic field settles down, but nowhere near the end-of-the-world scenario being reported today. AND, with us facing AWAY from the sun, means the D-layer disappears for normal nighttime absorption and propagation. Expect some elevated noise, even some bursty noise, typical of a slightly disturbed magnetic field, not storm conditions.

20M also looks good. The good news from the numerous large flares over the past few days is it has raised the solar flux from around a 120 average to nearly 200. This is sufficient for 15M openings into early evening and even 10M openings during daytime hours. This is especially

good news for those of you participating in SSB SS tomorrow. Daytime bands will be in fairly good shape. 20M will also be in pretty good shape tonight for the Zombie Shuffle. Some elevated noise, but not crippling.

If 15M appears open in your area tonight, I would recommend calling around 21.060 MHz on the hour to maximize making contacts on the band, then zooming back to 20 or 40.

So don't let the reports of the sun's "big explosions" scare you from trying out the bands. We QRPers are used to weak signal work and often through some noisy conditions. That's what you'll hear tonight, but there certainly is no radio blackout or severe storming going on.

I'll be outta of the workplace within the hour, and hope to be on the air shortly, passing out my grand zombie number worth 666 points. I hope to work many of you. And welcome the sun ... he just wants to be a Zombie too! He knows where the fun and the good guys are at :-)

72, Paul NA5N
Zombie #004

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:47:38 -0400
From: "Rex Harper" <wlrex@megalink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160026] bulleTINs.....
Message-ID: <003b01c39a80\$d4948360\$a83ca43f@stickfarmers>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fellow TinStuffers,

Just a reminder that this IS the prime season for finding those tins for all your QRP projects. Went 'window shopping' yesterday looking for a special shirt pocket size enclosure for a project destined for the SEMA show in Las Vegas.

1.) The local jewelry store had Swiss Army Watches that came in roomy tins with a non-slip finish. Make a great yuletide gift....sans tin of course! The absence of the original packaging could possibly be overlooked if it came packaged in a beautiful foil box with lots of tissue, ribbon and such. Some organizations sponsor special gift wrapping services this time of year where the proceeds go to charity. Give a gift, get a tin, and get a deduct

on the 1040 thrown in.

2.) Hit the local cigarette & cigar emporium and found cigarette cases that spring open when the catch is pressed. Also, several brands of imported cigs come in neat tins. They say that every sig takes 6 minutes off the ticker. I think the imported cigs might be QRO when it comes to the ingredients. Maybe 8 to 10 minutes off the ticker? We could start a campaign...

- 1 - buy a tin of imported cigs
- 2 - remove cigs and stash the tin in your junque binz
- 3 - gift wrap the cigs (see 1 above)
- 4 - send them to one of the numurous BPL lawyers
- 5 - include "clever" thank you note to eliminate all suspicion
- 6 - remember to take the deduct for the gift wrap

3.) WallyWorld....they could use a little more profit to help offset their future fines....

A.)The Halloween and upcoming holiday displays are "in". Saw a couple of mini lunchboxes and carrying-handled tins that were nice. Bought the John Deere tin for my binz.

B.) Down in the kitchen gadget area are some GREAT tins. There are various sized round tins with tops that have no markings, paint, stickers or anything. And CHEAP! One looks like it might be perfectly sized for the Tuna Tin 2. Bought one to check it out...

C.) Also down between the kichen and toy areas....in a seasonal type aisle...is a bunch of Coke tins. Buckets, totes, race car shaped tins for those mobile projects.

Didn't find the tin with the 'right stuff' on my travels but added a couple more tins to my binz.

72,

W1REX Rex Harper "The Tinman"

Disclaimers:

1. NO association with cigars, cigarettes, or their retail outlets.
2. Knife (but no stinking watches) carrying member of "The Swiss Army"
3. Only a partly satisfied customer of WallyWorld.
4. Future home of Tuna Tin 2 kits.....to benefit:
Lobstercon 2004! "THE Great QRP Weekend!".....August 9,10,11 2004

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:31:03 -0500
From: "Tony Martin W4FOA" <w4foa@comcast.net>
To: <kg6cyn@softhome.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160027] Re: Out to JT
Message-ID: <001201c39a86\$e408e830\$6401a8c0@Delldude>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,
Trev, KG6CYN is /portable on 14061 now (2329Z) with his K1 and portable
vertical setup at camp. Nice sigs. 72
Tony, W4FOA/QRP

----- Original Message -----
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <kg6cyn@softhome.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 1:39 PM
Subject: Out to JT

> Hi Gang,
>
> I'm off to the desert for a weekend of camping and QRP! We're going to try
> and get the same site we had last time (in the Jumbo Rock camp grounds).
I'm
> leaving work a bit early (1 PM) to try and avoid all the traffic on I10.
>
> I'll be taking the K1, 40' vertical wire, and a Black Widow fishing pole.
> Take a listen for me this weekend on 15,20,30 and 40. Most likely on 20
> during the day, but I'll be checking 15 on the hour for openings. I plan
on
> spending most of the day Saturday on the air.
>
> Hope to hear some of you!
>
> 73's Trev KG6CYN
> <http://www.qsl.net/kg6cyn>
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 20:42:53 -0400
From: "Randall M. Payne" <payner1@strato.net>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160028] Heath HM-2102 vhf wattmeter
Message-ID: <2XHGDDBUSFHDIRLHF5ZXTLJYT0JEML.3f99c70d@x4r1i9>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="windows-1252"

I'm in need of the calibration instructions for the HM-2102 vhf wattmeter. Have a partial manual, but not the calibration instructions. Can anyone help with this?

Thanks and 73,
Randy K4EZM

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 21:28:10 -0400
From: Lee Mairs <lmairs@direcway.com>
To: Stevenu7t@aol.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160029] Re: iambic paddles
Message-ID: <002701c39a97\$43f206e0\$3b6d020a@boomer>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

OK! IMHO, I like my G4SPY small paddles, my Brass Racer, and my chrome Bencher in that order. I also have each of the other Vibroplex paddles including a presentation model that used to be my favorite. Guys, this is like target shooting. All of them are close to the bulls eye. The only ones I dislike are the inexpensive ones made out of paper clips. I do have a NorCal paddles kit that I haven't put together yet, and I have one of Hauff's small paddles that I haven't tried much either. It is too pretty to take off the display table!

The bottom line is that I like most of them, but everybody has a little different idea about what is best.

73 de Lee
KM4YY/8

----- Original Message -----
From: <Stevenu7t@aol.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 6:19 PM
Subject: iambic paddles

> Lee,
> Why did you stop ?? Which are the, say, top three in your collection
based
> on comfort of sending ??
> Steve, NU7T
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:53:43 -0700
From: Wayne Burdick <n6kr@elecraft.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Cc: Elecraft <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [160030] Re: Life after BPL
Message-ID: <3F99D794.C64E0D62@elecraft.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rod wrote:

> I'm not hopeful [with respect to] to this BPL thing.

Hi Rod,

I heard a rumor that major, mobile, legal-limit QSO parties are being planned to help vendors test each deployment ;)

Seriously: Hams are not the only affected group. With the aid of all compromised groups, BPL has been rejected elsewhere, and I'm sure it will happen here, too. Hams will rise to the occasion. At Elecraft we're doing everything possible to help the ARRL in their efforts. (This should go without saying. We're in it for the long haul.)

Perhaps we should all volunteer to help lay fiber in rural areas. These folks need RFI-free internet access.

Wayne
N6KR

www.elecraft.com

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 22:11:16 -0400
From: Michael Neverdosky <mikenever@earthlink.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160031] Re: Life after BPL
Message-ID: <3F99DBC4.6847B82B@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne Burdick wrote:

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> I heard a rumor that major, mobile, legal-limit QSO parties are being planned to
> help vendors test each deployment ;)
>

I think that a better tack is to educate hams and others what BPL sounds like.

Then, everywhere they do any testing, check for interference and then file formal, written complaints with the FCC.

michael N6CHVV

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 23:12:12 -0400
From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160032] World Atlas for , , , ,
Message-ID: <005001c39aa5\$c8de0260\$6400a8c0@n3drk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just got back from barnes and nobles and purchased a pretty nice Satellite World Atlas for \$20.00
Just wanted to let all you dxers out there know.
73's
john

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 20:38:30 -0700 (PDT)
From: Bob KB2FEL <kb2fel@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160033] Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <20031025033830.85408.qmail@web80604.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

hmm looks like there is another stuck key at 14.024.8
he has been there for the last three hours.. still an
s5 to s9 here in WV. Its now 11:39pm local time. It
will be interesting to see how long the sig is there.

72
Bob
KB2FEL/8

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<http://shopping.yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 23:12:41 -0500
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
To: "qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
"Ten-Tec Relector" <tentec@contesting.com>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
Subject: [160034] Need TT-405 pwr connector
Message-ID: <4120031062541241219@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Gang:

Have mislaid the special power connector for a TT-405 amplifier. This has
the special 6-prong Jones plug. Does anyone happen to have one you will
part with? Please let me know, thanks.

73,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 21:58:07 -0700 (PDT)
From: Tom Severt <n2uhc@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160035] Re: bulleTINs.....
Message-ID: <20031025045807.45807.qmail@web9608.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Rex Harper <w1rex@megalink.net> wrote:

> Just a reminder that this IS the prime season for
> finding those tins for all
> your QRP projects.

The local \$1 Shop here has quite a few different decorative tins to choose from. Most are probably larger than needed for most QRP projects, but for \$1.00 apiece makes a cheap enclosure. They are all painted with neat designs or can be painted over if desired.

=====
Tom Severt N2UHC
<http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>

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<http://shopping.yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 00:05:37 -0500
From: "Jeff Imel" <jeffimel@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160036] Re: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <BAY9-DAV30TwctPBjxP000087fa@hotmail.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

He's an S-3 in Indiana at 0500 UTC on 14024.8 kHz. Endless string of
"dits."

72

Jeff
KB9ZUR

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bob KB2FEL" <kb2fel@yahoo.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 10:38 PM
Subject: Another Stuck Key

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> s5 to s9 here in WV. Its now 11:39pm local time. It
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> 72
> Bob
> KB2FEL/8
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> -----
> Do you Yahoo!?
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> <http://shopping.yahoo.com>
>

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 01:16:10 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: mikenever@earthlink.net, qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160037] Re: Life after BPL
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031025011312.0354fd70@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I think that hits the nail on the head Michael (speaking of

'tacks'-[grin])-sorry, I just can't help myself sometimes. But I do mean it. You are exactly right. Whatever chance we have, that's the best thing we could do.

///snip

>Then, everywhere they do any testing, check for interference and then
>file formal, written complaints with the FCC.

>

>michael N6CHVV

72/73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".

--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."

--Mark Twain

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 01:57:41 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>,
CW Reflector <cw@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [160038] BPL<> ARRL: Now THIS is more like it!!!
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031025015148.03478d10@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 22, No 42
Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:24:52 -0400
To: n4xy@earthlink.net
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@arrl.org>

IN THIS [edited to BPL article-only] EDITION:

[illegible]

The ARRL this week put officials in Manassas, Virginia, on notice that the League will act on behalf of its members to ensure full compliance with FCC regulations when the city's Broadband over Power Line (BPL) system starts up in a few months. The League was responding to media reports that Manassas--a Washington, DC, suburb--has approved plans for a citywide BPL rollout. Manassas City Council reportedly voted unanimously October 16 to grant a 10-year franchise to Prospect Street Broadband to expand a BPL field trial and offer high-speed Internet service to the entire community over municipal power lines. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, on October 22 faxed Manassas Mayor Marvin L. Gillum to point out BPL's dark side--the potential for RF interference from and to any BPL system.

"Your advisors no doubt have made the Council fully aware of the great=20 potential for radio interference from such a system," Sumner said. "In=20 particular, you are no doubt well aware that Title 47 CFR =A715.5 requires= =20 that no harmful interference is caused to any radiocommunication service,=20 and that the operator shall be required to cease operation upon=20 notification by a Federal Communications Commission representative that the= =20 device is causing harmful interference." Sumner noted that the same FCC=20 Part 15 rule also provides no protection against interference from the=20

operation of an authorized radio station.

"Tests conducted by ARRL technical personnel have shown that the system planned to be deployed in Manassas causes harmful interference to the Amateur Radio service," Sumner said. "We also have reason to believe that the system will be susceptible to interference from normal amateur station operations."

An article in Potomac News.com touted the impending Manassas BPL rollout as the first of its type in the US. Sumner said he was writing to alert the City of Manassas "on behalf of its members who live in and use the public thoroughfares of Manassas" that the ARRL "will ensure that there is full compliance with the FCC regulations" once the city's BPL system is in operation.

Prospect Street Broadband reportedly will offer the BPL service for \$29.95 a month. One estimate predicts the city stands to gain up to \$4.5 million over the 10-year life of the contract, due to be signed this week.

The Manassas BPL field trial is one of the smallest now under way and involves fewer than a dozen homes and businesses. It was installed in an area that has underground utility wiring and no Amateur Radio licensees nearby.

BPL articles in major media have proliferated in recent weeks, many of them painting the service in rosy hues and neglecting to point out the potential for radio interference to and from BPL by other HF spectrum occupants. An October 13 article in The Wall Street Journal, "A New Outlet," by Walin Wong, quotes one trial user who calls the service "fantastic." But Wong also notes that one "Achilles' heel" of BPL is that serving rural areas would require installing costly repeaters every mile or so along the power line. The article also deals with the reluctance on the part of some electric utilities to embrace the technology.

Sumner also reacted to the WSJ article. In a letter to the editor not yet published, he pointed out that BPL "amounts to sending a wideband radio signal over unshielded wires that were not designed for the purpose" and that do not work well for the 2 to 80 MHz signals common in BPL systems. Instead, "they function as antennas," he said, and that can lead to interference to radio services, including some involved with public safety.

Sumner said potential broadband technology and delivery investors would be

far better off considering fiber in densely populated areas and adaptations=
=20
of wireless LAN technology in rural areas.

Additional information on BPL and video clips from field trial sites are on=
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the ARRL "Power Line Communications (PLC) and Amateur Radio"=20
page <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/>>. To support the League's=20
efforts in the BPL fight, visit the ARRL's secure BPL Web site
<<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/>>.

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"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 07:56:47 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: kb2fel@yahoo.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160039] Re: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <Law15-F23oZxURnEpk300032845@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: Bob KB2FEL <kb2fel@yahoo.com>
>Reply-To: kb2fel@yahoo.com
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Another Stuck Key
>Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 20:38:30 -0700 (PDT)
>
>hmm looks like there is another stuck key at 14.024.8
>he has been there for the last three hours.. still an
>s5 to s9 here in WV. Its now 11:39pm local time. It
>will be interesting to see how long the sig is there.

A memory popped up when I saw this. Does anyone remember the film 'On The Beach' based on the novel by Nevil Shute? Following a nuclear war, the only people left alive are in Australia (everyone else has been killed by fallout), and the crew of a US nuclear submarine. They pick up a sort of Morse signal from the US and the sub sets off hoping to locate other survivors who've somehow managed to stay alive. They trace the source of the signal and find it's a loose wire, moving in the wind through a broken window, and randomly keying the transmitter. The fallout reaches Australia and that's it for humanity.

73, Leon

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WWW: http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 06:39:26 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>
To: ".QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160040] Re: Zombie Shuffle
Message-ID: <000701c39ae4\$434b5fa0\$0200a8c0@WB3AAL>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi or Boo,

WB3AAL was an Elvis on the East Coast. I started out around 00:30 UTC on 20 meters. The band seemed good even with the solar activity. I tried 40 meters for a while and the SSB contest just wiped everything out. I did manage 2 QSO's among all the 59++ QRM.

Overall I had a gool of a time. I made about 21 QSO's total before the bands went silent here in the East. I worked the contest for 2 hours then there were no signals on 20 meters. 40m was still 59+++ QRM with no CW signals heard. 80m was quiet on the east.

I knew it was time to call it quits when I was sending CQ Boo and I fell a sleep. I was up for 19 hours already. Hey, maybe I was a Real Zombie??

I had fun and thanks for the Q's.

72 and Thanks,
Ron (Elvis) Polityka
WB3AAL
www.n3epa.org/

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 07:20:00 -0400
From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
"kenwood" <kenwood@mailman.qth.net>,
Subject: [160041] BPL ARTICLE on Eham
Message-ID: <00dc01c39ae9\$ee077730\$6400a8c0@n3drk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You guys gotta read this one!

<http://www.eham.net/articles/6633>

john

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 08:23:46 -0400
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [160042] Re: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <001f01c39af2\$d6be8880\$080044c0@BrianBoru>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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S7-S9 in EN73 at 1220Z.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jeff Imel" <jeffimel@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Another Stuck Key

> He's an S-3 in Indiana at 0500 UTC on 14024.8 kHz. Endless string of
> "dits."

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 09:00:53 -0400
From: "Fred \ (VE3FAL\)" <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
To: <kb2fel@YAH00.COM>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160043] RE: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <005301c39af8\$0665af00\$cf05d3d8@flesnick>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That has been a few days now, I started hearing it Thursday night, S-3 to
S-6...
Good finals eh!
Fred
VE3FAL

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf
Of Bob KB2FEL
Sent: October 24, 2003 10:39 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 09:16:52 -0400
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160044] "Emergencyemail.ORG" <bounced@emergencyemailnetwork.net>:
ADVISORY: Geomagnetic Disturbance
Message-ID: <20031025.092646.9982.2.kc8aon@juno.com>

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AFTERNOON OCTOBER 24, 2003. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF OUTAGES
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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 09:11:26 -0700
From: "Nick Kennedy" <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160045] Attack of the killer Zombies!
Message-ID: <001b01c39b12\$a47985d0\$0400000a@wa5bdu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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80 (FT-1000) was pretty dead regarding the undead, giving up only W5HNS

Until next year, keep those windows boarded up.

72--Nick, WA5BDU
Zombie #651

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 10:45:35 -0400
From: "cal.jsi" <cal.jsi@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160046] Re: BPL<> ARRL: Now THIS is more like it!!!
Message-ID: <000301c39b06\$a6bba410\$fc53fea9@Sharon>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All,

Yep, this is a good example of why I've been a member of the ARRL since 1955, and also why I sent in a donation to help defray the League's expenses in fighting BPL.

Cal K4JSI

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 10:11:50 -0500
From: "Jim Sheldon" <w0eb@cox.net>
To: "QRP-L Mailing List" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160047] RE: Attack of the killer Zombies!
Message-ID: <IBEGLCMLCDHHEFLBPHB00EKIC0AA.w0eb@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yup, sure was. 20 was up and down. Didn't get to work the whole contest as worked from 3:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and got home around 8:00. Tried 20 meters and didn't hear anyone, so went to 40. QRM-QRM-QRM-QRM from the SSB people in the rest of the world. All-in-all though, wasn't too bad. I cranked the power down on my FT-847 to a measured 3 watts out because the MFJ-9040 was all boxed up to sell and I didn't wanna untape it again and waded in to the sludge!

Worked on 40 meters: K0EVZ, WA5BDU, W5TB(ELVIS), N0RC, W8TM, W0NTA, N0TK, W5USJ, N5IB, N0JRN, W5HNS(ELVIS), W0TNM, N9NE, K7TQ AND W0UFO.

Checked 20 and heard activity, so tuned up on the beam. Stations worked on 20 meters: WB3AAL(ELVIS), N3AO, K3NG, WA2MXR, W2XN, K3ESE, KG4VCG, AA2VK, KA3WMJ.

Went to 80 meters and amongst the roaring noise, managed to work W0CH(ELVIS - I know where you live Dave -) and N0JRN.

I switched back and forth through 20, 40 and 80, but couldn't find anyone I hadn't worked, so I shut 'er down about 0330Z. Still not a bad contest, and signals were either way down in the mud or really S9, especially on 20 and 40. Atmospheric noise on 20 was pretty low during the time I was on, so if propagation was even partially there, I could hear 'em and worked those that had good enough receivers to hear my 3 watts. Lots of fun anyway. Never heard any YL's or Elvira here in Kansas during the time I was able to be on. Wish I had been able to start at 6 pm local (2300Z) as I probably would have made many more Q's. Closest to West Coast I heard was K7TQ, Randy in Idaho

on 40 meters. Wound up with a decent score, I thought.

72/B00/00

Jim - W0EB

FP#-616/Zombie#-808 (Worked N3A0, Carter, #801) Scary, huh?

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Nick Kennedy

Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 11:11 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Attack of the killer Zombies!

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 11:12:56 -0400

From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>

To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [160048] MQFD

Message-ID: <20031025.111259.9982.10.kc8aon@juno.com>

Anybody working MQFD yet ? Haven't heard many signals here, or has the sun got the bands shut down ?

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl

SW-20+, SW-30+, SW-40+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,

Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX, PAC-12 Antenna
QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP, AmQRP, Ohio Valley Fists, Zombie #718
I'll give up CW & QRP when I'm dead ! MAYBE ! didididadidah

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 11:03:37 -0500 (CDT)
From: Dale Botkin <dale@botkin.org>
To: QRP list <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160049] New PicoKeyer chip available
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0310242047460.1410-100000@madmax.botkin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi all,

I have (finally) finished the analog speed control version of the PicoKeyer and made it available on the web site. This one has a slightly different pinout than previous versions, but retains all the features of the "digital" (paddle speed control) version. The only operational difference you'll note is that speed is set from 5 to 60+ WPM using a pot (anything from 10K to 50K should work). The pushbutton moved to a different pin and one pullup resistor is required. Idle current is still about the same, so no need for a power switch. And of course all settings and memories are retained with power off, if you do use a power switch or build one into your own rig.

If you'd like to see the specs and manual, you can find it here:

<http://hamgadgets.com/store/product_info.php?products_id=52>

No analog version for the Rock-Mite (yet), but it's on the bench and I'm working on it.

72,
Dale - NOXAS
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It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
NEW PicoKeyer kit w/PCB and all parts - <http://www.hamgadgets.com>

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 11:12:35 -0500
From: Christopher Kovacs <ckovacs@mn.rr.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160050] Night of the Living Dead.
Message-ID: <3F9AA0F3.7050505@mn.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This was my first Zombie Shuffle. Had a great time despite the QRM on 40 and the high noise on 80. I started at 7:00 and looked on 20. Got a good start on 20 until I felt I was on only one left looking for Zombies.

I then listen on 40. Wow, the noise, the ssb, my ears! I was able to work a few before my ears gave out. I then went up in the novice bands, a lot more quieter, but no zombies, not a one :(I was hoping the the folks on the lower part would come up since ssb qrm was not as bad.

Then down to 80 meters.. 80 was disappointing only worked Todd and Mike. I called CQ boo, and no luck.. Perhaps my 80 meter antenna is really a dummy load. I also tried on the novice sub band. Again, dead..

Back to 40 and all the noise. Worked a couple more before I called it a night an hour before midnight. Had a wonderful time. Thanks to all! Looking forward to next year!

Worked on 20 meters:
W5KDJ*,W5HNS*,K0EVZ,W2KJ,N5IB,WB3AAL*,AB9CA,W7ILW,W2XN,KG4VCG,AK7D

Worked on 40 meters:
W5HNS*,W0EB,W8TM,KG4VMB,N0JRN,AK7Y,W0CH*

Worked on 80 meters:
N9NE, AF4LQ

*Elvis'

72, Chris W0ANM #952

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 12:13:30 -0400
From: "AI2Q" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: <leon_heller@hotmail.com>,

""Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion"" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160051] RE: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <000e01c39b12\$ef07faa0\$7e01a8c0@hq.cmp.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Actually, if I remember correctly, the "keyer" in the film On The Beach was a window shade flapping and moving a partially fallen Coke bottle, which was, in turn, occasionally closing a Morse key on a transmitter.

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L #687
<http://users.adelphia.net/~alexmm/ai2q.htm>

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 10:28:01 -0600
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160052] RE: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <20031025.102801.-354125.1.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

At 1624 utc it is still there and still quite strong - near S9 in Far West Texas. Reminds me of the old MHS (morse high speed)stations of years ago that would sit on channel for days idling til they had traffic to send at 90-250+wpm.

Ray
"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be changed regularly -- and for the same reason"
"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"
Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M GQRP 6115
fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 16:54:21 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160053] USA-CA all QRP all CW is done - Time to Celebrate

Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20031025165110.01d451e0@pop.erols.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

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And finally there was Bob, N4BP, who while traveling across county in early October went almost 400 miles out of his way to give me first Boundary County, ID one evening, then to give me Frontier County, ID the next evening. These two finished off ID. Then the next afternoon he gave me Lander and Eureka, NV for the final two. I can think of nothing better than to have a fellow QRPer give me the final four. And Bob is the kind of guy who make me proud to be part of the amateur radio community.

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73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.wd3p.net>

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 12:59:15 -0400
From: John Sielke <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160054] Somebody Went Off the Deep End!
Message-ID: <200310251259.15799.jsielke@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Disposition: inline

Jus got back from trying a couple hours of MQFD with the OHR Classic and PAC-12 at Parvin State Park. Has a nice ragchew withy W0RT in Kansas, but not much else.

I did hear soemone who apparently had completely flipped. Just above 14060 soemone was sending "QRM QRM BS BS DE LOWLIFE SSBERS." This went on for quite a while. Not a strong signal here in NJ.

Obviously, the recent solar flares DO affect you if you don't wear your aluminum foil hat! Don't leave home without it!

John W2AGN

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 12:28:13 -0500
From: "Tony Martin W4FOA" <w4foa@comcast.net>
To: <lejek@erols.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160055] Re: USA-CA all QRP all CW is done - Time to Celebrate
Message-ID: <005b01c39b1d\$5e8dbd10\$6401a8c0@Delll dude>
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Larry,

WOW. Congrats on an incredible accomplishment!
....and I thought WAS 2xQRPARCI members was something hi. 72
Tony, W4FOA

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From: Wayne K9DI <k9di@k9di.org>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160056] Re: Zombie Shuffle
Message-ID: <20031025174651.GA2066@robinton>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

I got one Zombie fer Sure, Buddy KB5ELV/3

I also got another Possible Zombie W5TB, but it's probably a busted
contact as the QRM/QRN/QSB conspired to prevent me from copying his
"Elvis"...then the dang Thunderstorm came up and chased me off the air.
Well, I hope to do better next time.

73

de

Wayne K9DI Zombie #800

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Sincerely and Respectfully Yours

Wayne M. Scace K9DI | "QRP: Where the FUN is!!"
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k9di@NOSPAMk9di.org | "Share the FUN, be an elmer!!"
Proud Flying Pig #217 | "Morse Code: you just might like it!!"

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 12:36:16 -0500
From: Wayne Rogers <w5kdj@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160057] Boooo da Zomies got me
Message-ID: <20031025.123617.-1567971.1.w5kdj@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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My first Zombie shuffle and I really got scared as I worked 2 ARK and 1
LA station which I never hear in
Houston. QRM on 40 worst I've heard in long time, little late for 20 but
worked a few.

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1 10-24-2003 23:19 20 CW W1RFI 559 CT ED 25
579
2 10-24-2003 23:23 20 CW W UFO 559 MN MERT 774
579
3 10-24-2003 23:24 20 CW W1PID 569 NH JIM 792
579
4 10-24-2003 23:38 40 CW W5TB 579 AR ELVIS 717
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5 10-24-2003 23:47 20 CW WB3AAL 579 PA ELVIS 625
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6 10-24-2003 23:49 20 CW W8TM 589 OH PAUL 513
579
7 10-24-2003 23:52 20 CW K9IS 579 WI STEVE 517
579
8 10-24-2003 23:54 20 CW WA9YDJ 569 IL VANCE 847
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9 10-24-2003 23:57 20 CW KA3WMJ 559 PA KEN 147
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10 10-24-2003 23:58 20 CW AF4LQ 579 KY MIKE 502
579
11 10-25-2003 00:00 20 CW N9NE 599 WI TODD 920
579
12 10-25-2003 00:01 20 CW W ANM 589 MN CHRIS 952
579

13	10-25-2003 00:03	20	CW	WA8BXN	559	OH	MIKE	440
579								
14	10-25-2003 00:04	20	CW	W AV	579	MO	GEORGE	332
579								
15	10-25-2003 00:05	20	CW	W2EB	589	NY	BILL	284
579								
16	10-25-2003 00:07	20	CW	N TK	569	CO	DAN	303
579								
17	10-25-2003 00:10	20	CW	N1VS	589	NH	CRAIG	860
579								
18	10-25-2003 00:12	20	CW	K EVZ	559	NM	DOC	517
579								
19	10-25-2003 00:19	20	CW	W2KJ	559	NC	JOE	531
579								
20	10-25-2003 00:42	20	CW	AF4PP	579	GA	CHUCK	770
579								
21	10-25-2003 00:43	20	CW	KB5ELV	579	PA	BUDDY	814
579								
22	10-25-2003 00:54	40	CW	N5IB	559	LA	JIM	648
579								
23	10-25-2003 00:58	40	CW	N JRN	559	MO	JERRY	417
579								
24	10-25-2003 01:00	40	CW	WA5BDU	579	AR	NICK	651
579								
25	10-25-2003 01:01	40	CW	K5OI	559	OK	TIM	19
579								
26	10-25-2003 01:05	40	CW	W CH	559	MO	ELVIS	120
579								
27	10-25-2003 01:06	40	CW	N9NE	569	WI	TODD	920
579								
28	10-25-2003 01:08	40	CW	K EVZ	579	NM	DOC	517
579								

72 & boooooooooooooo to u

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 13:51:53 -0400
 From: "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
 To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
 Subject: [160058] Re: USA-CA all QRP all CW is done - Time to Celebrate
 Message-ID: <Law9-0E17E1ioWwr2UA000045ac@hotmail.com>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Larry

Congratulations - what an outstanding accomplishment !

Alan, N3BJ
Bent Mountain, VA

----- Original Message -----

From: "Larry Cahoon" <lejek@erols.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 12:54 PM
Subject: USA-CA all QRP all CW is done - Time to Celebrate

> Three weeks ago today I finished up working all the counties all QRP CW.
> They have been done twice all QRP but never all QRP CW. So this was a
> first. I was waiting on the county hunter group to make it official. But
> it seems that when the first guy did it all QRP twenty years ago no one
> thought in terms of a QRP endorsement. Then when Kyle, WA4PGM, finished
up
> last summer all QRP he never bothered to make it official. But after
> waiting over three weeks for the county hunting group to move I have
> decided to celebrate the achievement on my own. Last I hear they told me
> they were "trying to develop a format for rewording all awards." I don't
> know how long that might take and this is too big a deal to me to wait on
that.
>
> Enough fussing and time to celebrate. I will say there are three guys on
> this list that deserve special recognition for their help in getting this
> done.
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> First there is Dave, W0CH, who made some special efforts to get me the
last
> two in MO and helped by getting one in KY.
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> Second there was Diz, W8DIZ, who made two trips and set up a portable
> station first in WV and then in KY to finish off those states.
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> And finally there was Bob, N4BP, who while traveling across county in
early
> October went almost 400 miles out of his way to give me first Boundary
> County, ID one evening, then to give me Frontier County, ID the next
> evening. These two finished off ID. Then the next afternoon he gave me
> Lander and Eureka, NV for the final two. I can think of nothing better
> than to have a fellow QRP'er give me the final four. And Bob is the kind
of
> guy who make me proud to be part of the amateur radio community.
>
> Bob used a shortened Hustler on his truck and I used a K1 and a 10 meter

> extended double zepp to finish the job. Average power to work a county
> ended up at 1.08 watts. I'm still working to get that down to under 1
watt.
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> And it case you all didn't get Bob's cryptic comment earlier this week -
> just before Bob gets to Lander County, NV, who should pop up out of his
> hole on the county hunter net in Eureka County, NV but our very own
> KU7Y. Fortunately or unfortunately Ron could not hear me and I did not
> hear him try to run Eureka county.
>
> And for those interested in the details I have a four page writeup on the
> web site - including some photos that Bob took of a few of the county line
> signs and his truck. There are also the details of the last 25 QSOs on
the
> why to USA-CA all QRP CW.
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> Now I'm thinking it must be time for me to start thinking about putting up
> a beam. I think I'll need it to get all the counties QRPP.
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> 73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
> <http://www.wd3p.net>
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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 14:07:13 -0400
From: "Michael Bower N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Qrp-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160059] QRP/QRO Ambulance - what a hoot (toot?)
Message-ID: <ODE0IKLMAJFGCNMOGAGIEEDBDOAA.bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just got back from driving and ambulance in the local High School Homecoming Parade.

That in itself is fun. All the kids love the noise so I get to run the siren (three modes) and toot the horn a lot. The horn is a simulated airhorn with a push button (loud without the airblast).

While driving and tooting decided to send CW with the horn. Sent CQ a couple of times. Then send "cq cq de n4nmr n4nmr k". Maybe another ham heard it and will call me.

Great fun.

(Bummer. My wife is a ham (KD4WGU) and she didn't recognize that it was code. May have to trade her in. (Actually I won't. She's pretty good about letting me by toys. On a recent trip I forgot the mic for my 817. Since she knew we were going to drive pretty close to a Ham Radio Outlet SHE suggested I stop in and buy another one. Definitely a keeper.)

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 13:11:41 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <w5xe@juno.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160060] Re: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <003e01c39b23\$71da7a10\$02fea8c0@bjmw2k>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

599 here in Indianapolis.

----- Original Message -----
From: "William R Colbert" <w5xe@juno.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 11:28 AM
Subject: RE: Another Stuck Key

> At 1624 utc it is still there and still quite strong -
> near S9 in Far West Texas. Reminds me of the
> old MHS (morse high speed)stations of years ago
> that would sit on channel for days idling til they
> had traffic to send at 90-250+wpm.
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> Ray
> "Politicians are like nappies. Both should be
> changed regularly -- and for the same reason"
> "Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"
> Ray Colbert, W5XE, OOTC#3618, SOWP#1064M GQRP 6115
> fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS
>

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 13:28:04 -0500
From: "Dale Botkin" <dale@botkin.org>
To: <lejek@erols.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160061] RE: USA-CA all QRP all CW is done - Time to Celebrate
Message-ID: <NCBBLAPDJKCAD00EBAHNEENIFHAA.dale@botkin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Three weeks ago today I finished up working all the counties all QRP CW.

Amazing - conrgatulations!! I don't think I can even count that high, let alone work 'em all!

72,
Dale - N0XAS

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 11:36:45 -0700
From: "DTX" <dtx@wood.tzo.com>
To: <ai2q@adelphia.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160062] Re: Another Stuck Key
Message-ID: <004e01c39b26\$f15ef2e0\$0c00a8c0@home>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That's how I remember it as well, Alex. Now, for the final bit of trivia: was it swinging sideways against a bug (I think so ;-) or on a straight key. It has been too long for me to remember for sure <G>.

Gary WA6DTX
----- Original Message -----
From: "AI2Q" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 9:13 AM
Subject: RE: Another Stuck Key

> Actually, if I remember correctly, the "keyer" in the film On The Beach
was
> a window shade flapping and moving a partially fallen Coke bottle, which
> was, in turn, occasionally closing a Morse key on a transmitter.
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> Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L #687
> <http://users.adelphia.net/~alexmm/ai2q.htm>
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> .-.-.
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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 12:55:32 -0600 (MDT)
From: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160063] Takes more than Flux
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0310251247280.4686-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This morning the Flux was 199 and that says 10 meters is open.
But...Ap was 36. That seems to mean that path loss will be high. But the
Kp was just 1, perfect so I went up on 10 meters.

There I heard SS in full swing, but no-one was very strong. I
called a couple of DX stations but they didn't hear me. I called a w2
and he came right back. He was 59+.

Looking around there were lots of stations but nothing was real
loud. I think that is the fault of the Ap. Two weeks ago the Flux was 89
and the Ap was 4 and Kp was 1. I worked 10 European stations from New
Mexico, which is a big deal. I know it's easy from the East coast.

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 16:00:43 EDT

From: Stevenu7t@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160064] USA-CA
Message-ID: <67.1b188967.2ccc306b@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Congrats on USA-CA !!!! That does it. My New Years' resolution will be to pull the plug and go QRP. I am now convinced.
Steve, NU7T, Reno QRP Group

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 17:20:17 -0400
From: Michael Byrd <m.byrd10@verizon.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160065] Re:QRP at the Tampa Bay Hamfest.
Message-ID: <3F9AE912.7B880B84@verizon.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Paul,

Count me in for lunch. This will be a great opportunity to hammer out some ideas and get some local networking started. I don't know that area so someone will have to make suggestions on the place. Hopefully we can meet up early at the hamfest.

Keep me up to date on this, I wouldn't miss it.

Thanks, Mike - AC4UR - Tampa, Florida

ps- DXCC on 40 meters QRP status = 75 worked - 54 confirmed.

End of QRP-L Digest 3084

